



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ulrich SPECK et al.

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For: USE OF INTRAVENOUS CONTRAST MEDIA FOR PROJECTION MAMMOGRAPHY

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add the following new claims.

-- **18.** In a method of projection mammography comprising taking at least one mammogram of a patient, the improvement comprising administering to said patient an intravenous contrast agent to improve the contrast of said at least one mammogram.

19. A method of projection mammography according to claim 18, wherein said contrast agent is selected from:

- (a) an agent containing iodine as an opacifying agent;
- (b) an agent containing bromine as an opacifying agent;
- (c) a compound of an element of atomic number 34, 42, 44-52, 54-60, 62-79, 82 or 83; and
- (d) a chelate of an element of atomic number 56-60, 62-79, 82 or 83.

20. A method of projection mammography according to claim 19, wherein said intravenous contrast agent contains iodine as an opacifying element.

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